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8. Bulganin-Khrushchev regime stresses military preparedness to show USSR is not negotiating from weakness--whatever its domestic political and economic problems.
9. This accounts for Soviet military budget boost, parading of new bombers over Moscow, fanfare and ceremony in Berlin-Prague-Warsaw over setting up unified Soviet-Satellite military command.

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III. Increase in orthodox Soviet-Marxist dogma, noted in recent months, is probably intended persuade Communist faithful that:

- A. Political vigor of revolutionary Communism will not die out in prolonged era of "peaceful coexistence."
- B. New age of expansion of Soviet-Communist power will come in fullness of time.